

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 11 with the following amended paragraph below:

In the depicted example, API **514** calls getStatus() **534** and passes the entity ID, the response object name, “CustomerStatus,” and an empty list of attributes. An empty list of attributes causes the utility method to return every possible attribute for the entity. The utility method, getStatus(), generates and returns an XML response object, CustomerStatus. The getStatus() method may obtain the appropriate attributes for the Customer entity using SQL interface **526**. The API then appends the returned factory object at the appropriate depth so that XML response **502** is generated correctly. For example, in the example XML response shown as **502**, the API appends the CustomerObjectPermissions entity after the CustomerStatus entity.